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FOR DR BRZEZINSKI ONLY

FOLLOWING

REPEAT NEW DELHI 17056 ACTION STATE DEC 1.

QUOTE S E C R E T NEW DELHI 17056

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WHITE HOUSE ONLY FOR BRZEZINSKI

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: SCHEDULING

REF: STATE 284067

1. USIS PHOTOS OF DAULATPUR-NASIRABAD VILLAGE DESPATCHED
DECEMBER 1 TO DAVID ANDERSON IN OUR UNCLASSIFIED POUCH.
PHOTOS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT MONDAY, DECEMBER 5.
POUCH IS JUST AS FAST AND MUCH SAFER THAN INTERNATIONAL MAIL
FROM HERE. AERIAL PHOTOS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

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2. IN OUR VIEW IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE ENTIRE
PRESS CONTINGENT IN VILLAGE VISIT. OPEN SPACE IN FRONT OF
SCHOOL COULD ACCOMODATE PERHAPS AS MANY AS 200 NON-VILLAGERS,
INCLUDING ENLARGED PRESS POOL AND 25 TO 30 VEHICLES. ON
WALK THROUGH VILLAGE TO NARROWNESS OF LANES WOULD CAUSE LARGE
GROUP TO BE STRUNG OUT FOR CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE. WE ESTIMATE
VILLAGE POPULATION AT ABOUT 1800.

3. BEFORE DEVELOPING FURTHER DETAILS ON THIS EVENT WE WOULD PREFER TO WAIT SEVERAL DAYS TO SEE IF INDIANS COME UP WITH ANY ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT A VILLAGE VISIT COULD HELP TO UNDERSCORE THE CONGRUENCE OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT'S EMPHASIS ON DEVOTING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO IMPROVING THE LOT OF THE RURAL POOR AND OUR OWN INTEREST IN SEEING THAT ANY BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO INDIA REACHES THE POOREST ELEMENT IN INDIAN SOCIETY, THE VAST MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE TO BE FOUND IN THE VILLAGES OF INDIA. MOREOVER, THE INDIANS ARE AWARE OF THE PRESIDENT'S RURAL BACKGROUND AND WOULD BE GRATIFIED BY HIS INTEREST IN THEIR RURAL SOCIETY. GOHEEN UNQUOTE VANCE

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